

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 16, 1985

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto Senate Bill 1225, because of the following objection:

A utility district in Texas can be created in two ways: 1) by the Texas Water Commission through the hearing process; and 2) by the Legislature during its biennial session through the regular legislative process. Both the Commission and the Legislative processes are designed to insure a standard and equitable procedure which applies to all applicants with no special advantage given to any applicant. These processes are a prerequisite to insure a sound legal and financial policy for all parties concerned, including the State.

S.B. 1225 grants special and unusual powers to the Sunnyvale Municipal Utility District No. 1 and separates this applicant from all others. It authorized the District to divide into two or more districts prior to the issuing of bond indebtedness and the levying of ad valorem taxes. In this respect, S.B. 1225 is a special privilege bill not available to other utility districts. It would allow the Sunnyvale Municipal Utility District No. 1 to become a legislature and commission unto itself and would circumvent the statutory authority granted to those entities.

In creating utility districts, a fair and standard public policy must be applied to all applicants. If the Sunnyvale Municipal Utility District No. 1 is good public policy, then it should be made available to all utility districts. If it is bad public policy, it should not be applied to any districts. The absence of this policy in creating other districts in the State supports the historical reasoning that the Commission and the Legislature has forbidden special advantages to a few districts.

Therefore, I veto S.B. 1225.



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark White".

Mark White
Governor of Texas

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Myra A. McDaniel".

Myra A. McDaniel
Secretary of State

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